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Re: Ex Parte Presentation in WC Docket 03-266

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today Glen Post and John Jones of CenturyTel, Inc., and I spoke with Commissioner Adelstein and Scott Bergmann concerning the petition for forbearance in the above-captioned docket. CenturyTel urged denial of the petition, for the reasons set forth in its comments in this docket, and summarized in the attached materials, which were provided at the meeting. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

cc: Honorable Jonathan Adelstein Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein